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AIRFIELDS AND FORTIFICATIONS OF STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE CONSTRUCTED IN THE SATELLITES

CZECHOSLOVAKIA FORTIFIES ITS AUSTRIAN BORDER -- Lisbon, Diario da Manha, 31 Oct 53

Berne, 30 October (AFP) -- Bund, a Berne daily newspaper, reports that Czechoslovakia is building new blockhouses and pillboxes all along its Austrian border. Two barbed-wire entanglements 4 meters wide and 200 meters apart, the paper said, form a belt along the border from Gloeckelberg to Trautwald. Fortifications are being built in the forests southeast of Rothmuchlem and along the Bavarian border.

SOVIETS BUILD NEW AIRFIELDS IN THE GDR -- Paris, Danube-Press, 4-11 Oct 53

A new airfield with three runways has been built by the Soviets at Gross Doelln, 30 kilometers north of Berlin. Another airfield is now under construction at Vogelsang.

SOVIETS EVACUATE FOUR AIR BASES IN THE GDR -- Brussels, La Libre Belgique, 14 Aug 53

According to information from reliable sources in Berlin, the Soviet Air Force has withdrawn from four air bases in the GDR. All installations, including gasoline storage tanks, were removed from the large air base at Werneuchen, 15 kilometers east of Berlin. Not a single man or plane remains at New Petershain, the large jet fighter base where only a few days ago 3C MIGs were stationed. Finsterwalde and Brand, two airfields in the southern part of Brandenburg, have also been completely evacuated.

This information has been confirmed by the Allies. Since the outbreak of the Korean war, the USSR has kept about 600 jet fighter aircraft and several hundred propeller-driven aircraft in the GDR. Of the score of airfields maintained in operating condition, 12 were equipped for the use of jet aircraft.

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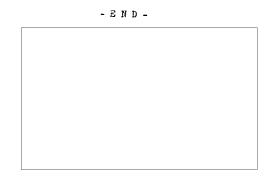
According to allied military circles, the evacuated air bases were not turned over to the GDR air force (which now consists of 10,000 men) because it lacks the necessary trained personnel. No valid explanation for the Soviet withdrawal has been advanced. It must be noted that the Soviets still have a large number of aircraft and airfields in the GDR.

FORTIFICATIONS CONSTRUCTED ALONG RUMANIAN BLACK SEA COLST -- Salonica, Nea Alithia, 23 Sep 53

Istanbul, 23 September (Special Service) -- According to reliable information from Bucharest, the Soviets have established large bases along the Black Sea coast, from the Bulgarian border to the Danube delta. Furthermore, the port of Constanta has been fortified. Military fortifications have been built in depth all along the Black Sea coast. A submarine base, the largest of its kind on the western side of the Black Sea, has been built near Constanta /exact location not given/. Two submarine flotillas from this base are maintaining a constant surveillance of the straits /Bosporus/. The small salt lake of Techinghiol has been changed to a large seaplane base.

The Rumanian population residing along the coast has gradually been transferred to the interior of the country. The only persons allowed in this area are members of the Soviet Armed Forces.

At present, the Soviet Union has assigned to the Rumanians 86 airfields; of which nine have underground landing fields /sic/. The air force in Rumania is entirely Soviet-controlled. It has at its disposal, an extensive radar network.



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